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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s) : Pirmin ROMBACH, Jorg REHDER

For: MICROMACHINED MAGNETICALLY BALANCED MEMBRANE
ACTUATOR

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of fifteen (15) pages
 - Five (5) sheet(s) of formal drawings
 - Applicant does not claim priority
 - Applicant claims the right of priority based on Application No(s). 60/236,333 filed in United States on September 29, 2000.
 - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
 - Certified copy(ies) will follow.

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- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No. filed in on , which is herein incorporated by reference.--
- b. --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/236,333 filed on September 29, 2000, which is herein incorporated by reference.--
- Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Preliminary Amendment
- Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- Other: _____
- Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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